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Applicant: Richardson et al.
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Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement

Dear Sir:

We enclose a preliminary amendment to the claims. These amended claims Attached is a amended claims that conform with a corresponding PCT application.

Applicant submits the enclosed information disclosure statement that is being filed herewith prior to the receipt of the first office action. Accordingly, it is applicant's opinion that the examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office should consider these references in determining the patentability of this application.

Applicant is not submitting copies of the cited U.S. references in accordance with the rules for application filed on or after June 30, 2003. If Applicant becomes aware of other relevant references that are not cumulative of the submitted references, Applicant will submit them.

It is believed that this submission is timely.

Respectfully submitted

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